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CONCISE EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The document listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding Chinese application. A partial English translation of the Chinese Office Action of August 12, 2005, follows:

The reference 1 (hereinafter referred to as "Ref. 1") also discloses a network apparatus and particularly discloses the following technical features: comprising IPsec processing apparatuses (see the Abstract and Fig 3), which use an IPsec (Internet Protocol security protocol) for securing security on the Internet path in the case where different multiple centers communicate via the Internet (see Page 2, Paragraph I of the specification as well as Fig 1); an IPsec engine and a policy manager (equivalent to said IPsec setting server apparatus in Claim 1), which manage IPsec settings of said IPsec processing apparatuses and collectively manage policies of said IPsec to be applied by the IPsec processing apparatuses (see Page 5, Line 15-Page 6, Line 4 and Page 6, Line 27-Page 9, Line 6 of the specification as well as Fig 3)....

Ref. 1 also discloses the additional technical features (see Page 7, Lines 1-6 and Lines 17-26 of the specification): key manager is implemented to generate and manage the used keys and communicate with the policy manager for distributing keys....

Ref. 1 also discloses an IPsec setting server apparatus and particularly discloses the following technical features: comprising IPsec processing apparatuses (see the Abstract and Fig 3), which use an IPsec (Internet Protocol security protocol) for securing security on the Internet path in the case where different multiple centers communicate via the Internet (see Page

2, Paragraph 1 of the specification as well as Fig 1); an IPsec engine and a policy manager (equivalent to said IPsec setting server apparatus), which manage IPsec settings of said IPsec processing apparatuses and collectively manage policies of said IPsec to be applied by the IPsec processing apparatuses (see Page 5, Line 15-Page 6, Line 4 and Page 6, Line 27-Page 9, Line 6 of the specification as well as Fig 3)....

Ref. 1 also discloses the additional technical features (see Page 7, Lines 1-6 and Lines 17-26 of the specification): key manager is implemented to generate and manage the used keys and communicate with the policy manager for distributing keys....

Similarly, Ref. 1 also discloses an IPsec processing apparatus and particularly discloses the following technical features (see Page 6, Line 34-Page 7, Line 16 and Page 8, Lines 7-25 of the specification): upon receiving a packet to which said IPsec should be applied, judging whether or not to inquire a setting for said IPsec to be collectively managed in an IPsec setting server apparatus from said IPsec setting server apparatus....

Ref. 1 discloses the additional technical features (see Page 7, Lines 1-6 and Lines 17-26 of the specification): key manager is implemented to generate and manage the used keys and communicate with the policy manager for distributing keys....

Applicant's statements regarding the Chinese Office Action are based on a partial translation that Applicant's representative obtained. These statements should in no way be considered as an agreement by Applicant with, or an admission of, what is asserted in the Chinese Office Action.

Document C1 is based on U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/100,272, which matured into U.S. Patent No. 6,253,321 on June 26, 2001. U.S. Patent No. 6,253,321 was cited as document B1 in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 9, 2005 in the present application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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